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(Title) STELLA ADLER CLURMAN, was.

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1. Photograph captioned "Stella Clurman April 1954". (Filed 10-27-54) G.K.B.

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Date Received October 11, 1954

From Passport Division, Dept.
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of State
(Address of Contributor)

By John R. Palmer
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (☒)

Description:

Photograph captioned.

"Stella Clurman
April 1954"



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(Name of Special Agent)

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Description:

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By Joseph A. Cannon
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
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STELLA ADLER, was.;
HAROLD CLURMAN
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Mrs. VALENTINE SPANIAK, wife of superintendent at 161 West 54th Street, New York City, advised on June 29, 1951, that the subjects are now in Europe with their daughter. The subjects are both on the Security Index list.

The Washington Field Office is requested to obtain from the State Department any information as to travel dates, places, and claimed purpose of trip.

Because of strong support given by subjects to Communist front organizations for many years past and their high level connections, the Bureau is requested to consider advisability of obtaining information as to activities of subjects on present European trip.

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2cc Washington Field ✓

1cc NY 100-98018 (HAROLD CLURMAN)

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STELLA ADLER, was.;
HAROLD CLURMAN
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Reurlet to Director, July 3, 1951.

Please furnish this office with available information re date and place of birth of subjects in order that accurate check may be made of records of Department of State.

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STELLA ADLER, was
SM-C
HAROLD CLURMAN
SM-C
(Urfile 100-24329)

Reurlet to New York 7/11/51.

Birth date of STELLA ADLER appears on records variously as 2/10/01, and 2/10/02; location at times given as New York City, although Vital Statistics records were found negative. HAROLD CLURMAN'S birth appears as 9/18/01 at Manhattan.

cc: NY 100-98018

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 7/9/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/9/50 to 3/19/51	REPORT MADE BY J. Edgar Hoover
TITLE STELLA C. ADLER			CHARACTER OF CASE Tourist

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject, born 2/10/01, at New York City, was issued passport No. 2006785575 on 6/2/50, for proposed travel in "France and other countries" for purpose of "tourist." She gave her residence on 6/2/50, as the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, Paris, France, and her legal residence as 161 West 54th Street, New York City. Details and descriptive data set out.

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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The files of the Passport Division of the United States Department of State disclose that on August 2, 1950, "STELLA C. ADLER (known as STELLA ADLER)" was issued passport No. 2006785575 at the American Consulate General at Paris, France, to expire August 2, 1952. In her application dated August 2, 1950, at Paris, the subject stated that she intended to travel in "France and other countries" for the purpose of "tourist." Her mode of travel and intended stay abroad were not indicated.

In this application the subject listed the following travel outside the United States: Europe, three months, 1919; Europe, three months, 1928; Europe, and England, three months, 1934; Europe and England, six months, 1938;

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Europe and England, four months, 1949; and France, June 7, 1950, to the date of the application. The subject listed her address at the time of the application as the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Paris, France, and indicated that her legal residence was 161 West 54th Street, New York City.

The subject listed her father as JACOB ADLER, born in Russia about 1857, who immigrated to the United States in 1895 and remained there until his death in 1927. She listed her mother as SARAH LEWIS, born in Russia about 1865, became an American citizen through the naturalization of her husband, and at the time of the application, was residing at 521 West 112th Street, New York City. The subject stated that she was married about 1943 to HAROLD CLURMAN, who was born on September 18, 1901, at New York City and who was residing at 161 West 54th Street, New York City. She indicated that this marriage had not been terminated.

The subject gave her husband, HAROLD CLURMAN, 161 West 54th Street, New York City, as the person to be notified in the event of death or disability. She listed as references: Mrs. GOLDSTEIN (friend), 40 West 77th Street, New York City, and Mr. HARRY SELDEN (friend), Hotel Shorham, 55th Street New York City (sic). It was noted that in this passport application the subject did not request the inclusion of her daughter on her passport.

The passport file shows that "SARAH ELIASCHEFF, known as SARAH ADLER," was issued passport No. 9564 at New York City on June 8, 1938, for proposed travel for pleasure to England, France, Holland, and Belgium. In an application filed on June 8, 1938, at New York City, she stated that she intended to leave from the port of New York on June 8, 1938, on the Queen Mary and expected to return within four months. At that time she stated that her permanent residence was the 5th Avenue Hotel in New York City, that she had married HORACE ELIASCHEFF, not an American citizen, in September, 1922, and that this marriage was terminated by divorce in 1930. She requested the inclusion on her passport of her minor child, ELLEN, born

[REDACTED] There was a notation on her application to the effect that her passport No. 1506, New York series, issued April 7, 1934, had been seen and canceled

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on the request of this application.

Passport files also show that on July 17, 1946, "SARAH CLURMAN (known as SARAH ADLER)" was issued passport No. 108136, for proposed travel to England and France for the purpose of "business of production of plays." She stated that she intended to return to the United States within three months and intended to depart from New York City on July 20, 1946, on the Queen Mary. She filed application for this passport on June 26, 1946, at New York City and the identifying witness was DAISY RICHLO JOACHIM (illegible), no relation, 255 East 21st Street, Brooklyn, New York, who had known the subject for twenty-six years. This passport was marked not valid for travel in military occupied areas. The subject stated that her last passport was obtained in July, 1938, and was lost. On this application the subject indicated that she married HAROLD CLURMAN on September 18, 1942, and that she had been previously married to HORACE ELIASCHOFF on October 20, 1924 (illegible), at New York City, this marriage having been terminated by divorce in September, 1929.

Included in the file were two letters dated June 25, 1946, to the Department of State signed by HAROLD CLURMAN as Director, Group Theaters, 1430 Broadway, New York City, requesting that Mrs. HAROLD CLURMAN, better known as Miss SARAH ADLER, be issued a passport without delay. Those letters indicated that SARAH ADLER has directed or participated in the production of many plays including The House of Connolly, Awake and Sing, Golden Boy, Success Story, and Polonaise. Those letters state that the subject has been asked by Group Theaters to go to Paris and London immediately, adding that for some time past, Group Theaters has been in negotiation with the English Producer Mr. TYRONNE GUTHRIE, with reference to a new version of Everyman to be written by PAUL GREEN. The letter stated that in order to bring these negotiations to a conclusion it would be necessary for the subject to confer with La Societe des Auteurs Dramatiques in Paris, with reference to the translation and French production of CLIFFORD ODETS' play, Awake and Sing.

On October 18, 1946, she applied for renewal of passport No. 108132 at the Consulate General in Paris and on the same date it was extended to July 17, 1950, with general validation. In her application she stated she was residing in

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France on personal business and gave her address at that time as (hotel) Edward VII, Paris.

The following description of the subject was obtained from her passport application dated August 2, 1950:

Height:	5'7½"
Hair:	Blond
Eyes:	Green
Marks:	None
Occupation:	Director

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REFERENCE: New York Letter to Bureau dated July 3, 1951,
captioned SARAH ADLER, was;
HAROLD CLIFMAN
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It is noted that separate files have been
opened in the Washington Field Office as follows regarding
these subjects:

SARAH ADLER, was.,
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HAROLD EDGAR CLIFMAN
100-24669

Separate reports are being submitted by the
WFO on each subject.

SAC Letter No. 73, Series 1951, dated July 24, 1951, Section (A)

The Bureau has instructed that the review of WFO files and the opening of cases on the individuals affected by the following instructions must be completed immediately. Likewise, action relative to recommendation for Security Index in Pending Cases or in Closed Cases where investigation has been previously conducted, should be taken expeditiously.

I. Name & Aliases:

(Last) (First) (Middle)
Adler, Stella

Items 2,3,4, and 5 include a mere allegation emanating from confidential sources or from individual complainants. Where the complaint is from an anonymous source it is not to be disregarded for this reason alone, but should be evaluated on the basis of the specific nature of the allegation(s) made and the relative weight thereof.

II. Membership in the Communist Party after January 1, 1949.

III. Membership in any other organization or political party which seeks to overthrow the Government of the U.S. by force and violence, including the Socialist Workers Party, Independent Socialist League, and Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico, plus any other basic Marxist and revolutionary organizations.

IV. Engagement in the espionage or sabotage operations of any of the above-noted organizations at any time since January 1, 1949.

V. An allegation of items 2,3, or 4 made subsequent to January 1, 1949, relating solely to activity or membership prior to that date, where the allegation goes beyond mere membership or activity in or with basic Marxist or Revolutionary Groups; viz, involvement in espionage or sabotage, activity beyond mere membership prior to January 1, 1949, or training in a subversive movement, membership in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, training in the armed forces, Reserve Officer status, current employment in a vital industry, or any other factors making the person particularly dangerous.

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VI. Is this person presently on Security Index?

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VII. Has this person been recommended for Security Index?

VIII. Should current investigation be conducted and consideration given to recommending this person for Security Index on the basis of his activity and/or membership in the designated categories? List comments.

*not active in this area
New York region. ~~REP~~*

IX. Source of the allegation.

X. Estimate of the reliability of the complainant.

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XII. Bufile where known.

Recommendation made by SA

mm on *10/30/51*
(Date)

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Date: August 6, 1954

To: Mr. Dennis A. Flinn BY COURIER SERVICE
 Director
 Office of Security
 Department of State
 515 22nd Street, N. W.
 Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: STELLA ADLER CLURMAN
 SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to my memorandum dated July 12, 1951, in the case entitled "Harold Edgar Clurman; Stella Adler, also known as Mrs. Harold Clurman, Security Matter - C."

Information has now been received to the effect that Stella Adler Clurman accompanied by one Pearl Pearson entered France on June 21, 1954. She is reportedly traveling on U. S. Passport Number 357602 and Pearson is reported to be in possession of U. S. Passport Number 610472 issued April 16, 1952.

I am enclosing for your additional information in this case one copy of the report of Special Agent Raymond H. Flynn dated May 6, 1953, at New York, New York cc's of serials destroyed captioned "Stella Adler, Security Matter - C."

This matter is being handled by this Bureau's representatives in London and Paris; however, I would appreciate the receipt of any information that may come to your attention regarding the subject's activities while traveling abroad.

Enclosure

- 2cc - Washington Field (100-24329) (See note page 2)
- 2cc - New York (w/enclosure) (100-55874) (See note page 2)
- 2cc - Legal Attache (w/enclosure) SECRET AIR COURIER
 London, England (See note page 2)
- 2cc - Legal Attache (w/enclosure) SECRET AIR
 Paris, France (See note page 2)

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Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

ATTENTION: SAC's WASHINGTON FIELD AND NEW YORK
AND LEGATS LONDON AND PARIS:

Referenced Legat, Paris, letter dated July 13, 1954, a copy of which is enclosed for the information of the New York Office, the office of origin in this case. The New York Office is instructed to identify Pearl Pearson mentioned in referenced communication and to determine whether her activities are such as to warrant a security investigation.

The Washington Field Office is requested to search the files of the Passport Division, Department of State, for background information regarding Pearson. In this connection she is reported to have been born November 2, 1911, in New York, New York. Her place of residence is listed as 15 Washington Place, New York, New York.

For the information of the Legat, Paris, there is enclosed one copy each of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent Kenneth J. Haser dated September 8, 1951, at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent Raymond H. Flynn dated May 6, 1953, at New York, New York.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/21/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/10; 9/7; 10/11/54	REPORT MADE BY JOHN R. PALMER rpb/mhg
TITLE STELLA ADLER CLURMAN, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's passport number 2006 renewed on 11/21/52. Issued new passport on 5/4/54. File contains deposition by the subject dated 6/23/52 regarding meetings she understood to be "progressive" and lending her name to committees of various organizations. Letters dated in 11/52 denied membership in subversive organizations. PEARL PEARSON issued passport in 1938, 1947, and 1952. The 1952 passport was renewed on 5/19/54. Background information set out. Photographs of CLURMAN and PEARSON obtained.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

A review of passport records, Department of State, on September 7, 1954, disclosed the following additional information regarding the subject:

Passport number 2006, issued on August 2, 1950 at Paris, France, was renewed on November 21, 1952 at New York City for the purpose of visiting her daughter and traveling. She intended to depart from New York for three and a half months by air and boat to England, France, Italy and Greece.

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STELLA CLURMAN (known as STELLA ADLER) was issued passport number 357802 on May 4, 1954, for travel of three to four months to France, Italy and England for study and vacation. She intended to depart from New York about May 15, 1954 on board the "Andrea Doria."

The application for this passport, dated April 28, 1954, at New York City, listed her permanent address as 1016 5th Avenue, New York City. She was last married on September 20, 1942, to HAROLD CLURMAN who resided at the same address.

This passport file contains a deposition dated June 23, 1952, at Washington, D. C., by the subject, which states in part, "that sometimes in the Autumn of 1937, while I was in Hollywood, California, I had attended certain meetings which I understood to be 'progressive.' After attending two or three of these so-called meetings, I wasn't particularly impressed with what progressiveness meant. In short, it seemed to me that it was a bit too radical for me to take, no less difficult for me to understand."

"Shortly thereafter, early in 1938, I went to Europe for a year, and, of course, had no further activity or attended any of the so-called progressive meetings."

"Prior to World War II, I lent my name and in some instances, which I cannot immediately recall, it was literally taken without my consent for appearances on some sort of theatrical or entertainment committee of various organizations. I did not knowingly give or lend my name to any organization which in any way would be subversive to or against the best interests of the United States of America."

"I have always been an American and have always completely subscribed to the ideals, institutions and the philosophy of the American Government and have never once swerved from my allegiance to the Constitution of the United States."

On November 14, 1952, STELLA ADLER CLURMAN wrote a letter to the Passport Office, stating "this is to inform you that I have never been a member of the Communist Party - or to my knowledge, of any organization which was subversive to the United States Government."

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On November 17, 1952, another letter from the subject with the same phraseology was sent to the Passport Office. This letter was notarized by SAM NEUSTADT, Notary Public, State of New York.

Regarding PEARL PEARSON, born on November 2, 1911, at New York, the following information was obtained from records of the Passport Office, Department of State, on September 7, 1954:

PEARL TOMBACH, who was born on November 2, 1911 at New York City, as PEARL SHOENGOLD and who was known professionally as KATHERINE ALLEN was issued New York series passport 9793 on July 27, 1938. This passport was for sixteen months' travel to England and possibly France and Italy for "work in theatre and travel." She intended to depart on July 28, 1938 on board the "Ile de France," and listed her permanent residence as 157 West 63rd Street, New York City. The name of the identifying witness appeared to be NATALIE HARRIS, 266 West 12th Street, New York City.

According to the application for this passport, her father, JOSEPH SHOENGOLD, was born at Odessa, Russia. His address was given as the St. James Theater, London, England. She was married in December, 1931 to IRVING TOMBACH, who was born in Illinois, but whose address was unknown. PEARSON was described as being 5' 6" tall with dark blond hair and blue eyes. Her occupation was listed as actress.

According to this file, she had resided abroad in Brazil and Argentina from May to September, 1925, and in Montreal and Toronto, Canada, in June, 1935 while included on her father's passport, number 23265, issued at Washington, D. C., on April 15, 1925.

This file contains a letter from the Group Theater, 234 West 44th Street, New York City, dated July 26, 1938 which states in part: "This is to inform you that PEARL TOMBACH is sailing on Thursday, July 28, 1938, on the "Ile de France" with the Golden Boy Company, which will appear at the St. James Theater in London, England." This letter was signed by KERMIT BLOOMGARDEN, Business Manager.

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Passport records further disclosed that PEARL PEARSON, born November 2, 1911, was issued passport number 137033 on December 22, 1947, for travel of from six months to one year to France to visit relatives.

The application, dated December 12, 1947, at Los Angeles, California, listed her permanent residence as 1710 North Fuller Avenue, Hollywood, California, and her occupation as actress. She intended to depart from New York about January 27, 1948 on board the "de Grosse."

This application reflected that her father, born about 1885 was deceased, and that her mother, FRANCES ADLER, born August 28, 1891 at New York City, was then residing at 226 East 12th Street, New York City. According to this file, she was divorced from IRVING TOMBACH in June, 1943. She was married on May 26, 1944 to BEN PEARSON (PEARLSTONE) who was born at Palestine, Texas, on April 27, 1914, and then resided at the Miramir Hotel, Santa Monica, California.

The above passport, which included her daughter, ELIZABETH JOAN PEARSON, was witnessed by JAY ADLER, an uncle who was born in Chicago, Illinois, and who resided at 8009 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California.

This file contains an undated letter from BEN PEARSON, 356 North Camden Drive, Beverly Hills, California, who formerly resided at 225 East 54th Street, New York City. In this letter, he stated that he gave consent for his wife, PEARL PEARSON, to take their daughter abroad to visit her relatives there.

The file also contains a letter dated December 12, 1947 from PEARL PEARSON stating that "I am going to Paris, France, with my daughter to join my sister and her family who are residing there. I expect to visit with them for five or six months, possibly go South with my sister during that time and return home at the end of six months." Her sister was shown as VIOLET ROSENFELD, also known as Mrs. PAUL ROSENFELD, 58 rue de Rennes, Paris, France.

This file also contains the affidavit of JULIUS H. PEARLSTONE, dated December 6, 1947, at Dallas, Texas, wherein

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he stated under oath that he was the father of BEN PEARLSTONE born April 27, 1914 at Palestine, Texas, and that he is the same person as BEN PEARSON. It was also stated that his wife, PEARL PEARLSTONE, had been known as PEARL PEARSON since her marriage.

The file contains a Birth Certificate of ELIZABETH JOAN PEARSON, showing that she was born on [redacted] in [redacted]. According to this Certificate, BEN IRVIN PEARSON was the New York Head of A and S Lyons, New York City. At that time, the PEARSONS resided at 180 7th Avenue, New York City.

Passport number 137033 was renewed on June 1, 1951 and made valid until December 21, 1951. She intended to depart from New York about June 7, 1951 for a three months' visit to France, England, Denmark and Italy as a tourist.

PEARL PEARSON was issued passport number 610472 on April 16, 1952 for travel of four months' to France and Italy as a tourist. The application, dated April 8, 1952, at New York, gave her permanent residence as 15 Washington Place, New York City, and her occupation as housewife. It reflected that her father, JOSEPH SHOENGOLD, was born in June, 1885 in Bucharest, Rumania, and was deceased. Her mother, FRANCES ADLER, born on August 28, 1892, resided in New York City. According to this application, she was divorced from BEN PEARSON on November 13, 1947. He then resided at Hollywood, California. It was also reflected that she had resided in France from February to July, 1948, and in England and France from June to September, 1951.

Passport number 610472 was issued on May 19, 1954 to expire on April 15, 1956 for intended travel of three months' to France, Italy, Switzerland and England as a tourist. She intended to depart from the Port of New York on May 29, 1954, on board the "Liberti."

On October 11, 1954, a review of the passport records on her father, JOSEPH SCHOENGOLD, born on June 26, 1885 in Rumania, disclosed the following information regarding PEARSON:

JOSEPH SCHOENGOLD was issued passport number 23265 on April 15, 1925 at Washington, D. C., for travel to Buenos Aires for the purpose of "acting and managing." He was to be accompanied by his wife FRANCES SCHOENGOLD who was born on August 28, 1894 at New York, and his minor daughters, PEARL SCHOENFELD, born November 2, 1911 at New York, and VIOLA SCHOENFELD, born July 3, 1915 at New York. His permanent residence was listed as Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

He was issued passport number 69 on April 21, 1931 at which time he stated that he had married FRANCES ADLER in 1911. On this application, her date of birth was shown as August 28, 1892. He listed his children as PEARL, born on March 2, 1913 at New York, and VIOLA, born November 3, 1915 at New York. They were not included in this passport.

ENCLOSURES

TO NEW YORK

Enclosed for the New York Office are two copies and one negative of a photograph captioned "STELLA CLURMAN April 1954" and two copies and one negative of a photograph captioned "PEARL PEARSON, April 1952."

TO THE BUREAU

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of each of the above-mentioned photographs.

These photographs appeared in the Passport files of the above individuals. One copy of each is being retained in the files of this Office.

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REFERENCES

Bureau letter to the Office of Security, Department of State, dated August 6, 1954.

Report of SA KENNETH J. HASER, dated September 8, 1951, at Washington, D. C.

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November 12, 1954

Director, FBI (100-221724)

STELLA ADLER CLURMAN
SECURITY MATTER - C

Rerep of Special Agent John R. Palmer
at Washington, D. C., dated October 21, 1954.

The Washington Field Office is requested to obtain Photostats of the affidavits and/or depositions filed by the subject with the Passport Division, Department of State, in her efforts to obtain passport facilities.

The New York Office is instructed to carefully review the file in this case to determine whether there are available witnesses who can testify as to the subject's membership in the Communist Party.

Upon receipt of the documents from the Department of State the Bureau contemplates referring this matter to the Department for an opinion as to whether the subject has violated the Fraud Against the Government statutes.

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December 7, 1954

Mrs. Ruth B. Shipley
Director
Passport Office
Department of State

Re: Stella Adler Clurman

Dear Mrs. Shipley:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Bureau, it is requested that you furnish four photostatic copies of a sworn statement executed by Clurman on June 30, 1952, and of letters from her dated November 14 and 17, 1952.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

L. L. Laughlin
Special Agent in Charge

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Miss Stella Adler

1016 - 5th Ave

~~101 WEST 54th STREET~~ NEW YORK CITY

November 14 - 1952

Dear Mr. Melcher -

This is to inform you
that I have never been a member
of the Communist Party - or
to my knowledge of any
organization which was
subversive to the United
States Government -

Very Sincerely

Stella Adler

Chairman

Miss Stella Adler

1016 Fifth Avenue

161 WEST 54TH STREET - NEW YORK CITY

November 17, 1952

Mr. Nicholas
Passport Division
State Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nicholas:

This is to inform you that
I have never been a member of the
Communist Party or, to my knowledge,
of any organization which was
subversive to the United States
Government.

Very truly yours,

Stella Adler Cleeman

State of New York
County of New York
Subscribed before me
this 17 day of November 1952
Sam Neustadt

SAM NEUSTADT
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 03-283300
Qualified in New York County
Certs. filed with Co. Clerk Bronx & N.Y.
Certs. filed with City Reg. Bronx & N.Y.
Commission Expires March 30, 1958

Department of State
Passport Division
Winder Building
Washington, D. C.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Stella Clurman, also known as Stella Adler, do hereby depose and say that I am over the age of 21 years, that I was born in the City and State of New York, United States of America, that my present address is 1016 Fifth Avenue in the City and State of New York, that sometime in the autumn of 1937, while I was in Hollywood, California, I had attended certain meetings which I understood to be "progressive". After attending two or three of these so-called meetings, I wasn't particularly impressed with what "progressiveness" meant. In short, it seemed to me that it was a bit too radical for me to take, no less difficult for me to understand.

Shortly thereafter, early in 1938, I went to Europe for a year and, of course, had no further activity or attended any of the so-called progressive meetings.

Prior to World War II, I lent my name and in some instances which I cannot immediately recall, it was literally taken without my consent, for appearance on some sort of theatrical or entertainment committee of various organizations. I did not knowingly give or lend my name to any organization which in any way would be subversive to or against the best interests of the United States of America.

I have always been an American and have always completely subscribed to the ideals, institutions and the philosophy of the American Government and have never once swerved from my allegiance to the Constitution of the United States.

Stella Clurman known as Stella Adler

City of Washington
District of Columbia) SS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of June 1952.

Mary Houston Notary Public
My comm. expires Aug. 31, 1953.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-221724)

12-14-54

SAC, WFO (100-24329)

STELLA ADLER CLURMAN, was. -
SM -C

Rebulet of 11/12/54 to New York captioned as above.

Two copies of each of the following photostats are enclosed for the Bureau and one copy of each is enclosed for New York. One copy of each photostat is being maintained in the files of this office.

1. A letter dated 11/14/52 signed by STELLA ADLER CLURMAN.
2. A letter dated 11/17/52 signed by STELLA ADLER CLURMAN.
3. A deposition by CLURMAN notarized on 6/23/52.

The originals of the above documents are contained in the files of the Passport Office, Department of State. RUC.

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April 17, 1958

FBI Liaison:

For Information Only

Re:

Stella Clurman aka Stella Adler
Born February 10, 1901 - New York City

Present Address:

1016 5th Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Bureau File Number:

100-221724

Passport Number:

962240 issued April 17, 1958

**Re Communist Party
Membership:**

In passport application filed
March 28, 1958 as well as in affi-
davit executed on November 17, 1952
Mrs. Clurman denied present and past
membership in the Communist Party.

Attorney:

Jacob M. Usadi
1501 Broadway
New York 36, New York

Travel Plans:

Port of Departure:

New York, N. Y.

Date of Departure:

May 20, 1958

Means of Transportation:

Unknown

Proposed Length of Stay:

4½ months

Countries to be visited:

France, Italy, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden
and Norway

Purpose of trip:

Pleasure

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, WFO (100-24329)

DATE: 5/15/58

FROM : SA HILMER H. KREBS

SUBJECT: STELLA CLURMAN
aka Stella Adler
SM-C

The Passport Office, on 5/7/58, made the subject's file available. She was born 2/10/01 at NYC, and resides at 1016 5th Ave., NYC.

A passport was issued to the subject in April 1958 for travel to Europe. On her application for the passport she denied present or past membership in the CP. The file indicates the NY Office (FBI) in 1953 conducted an SM-C investigation regarding the subject.

It is recommended the case be opened to obtain all pertinent information.

R/O & A *am*

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STELLA ADLER CLURMAN, aka
SM-C
OO New York

Re WFO let to Director 12/14/54 forwarding photostats from the records of State Department concerning subject.

On 5/7/58 the Passport Office, Department of State made subject's file available to SA HILMER H. KREBS.

A passport was issued to subject in April, 1958, for travel to Europe. On her application for the passport, she denied present or past membership in the C. P.

The Passport Office supplied the following information concerning subject:

Passport #962240 was issued April 17, 1958, to STELLA CLURMAN, aka STELLA ADLER, born 2/10/01, New York City, who is presently residing 1016 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Her attorney is listed as JACOB M. VSADI, 1501 Broadway, New York 36, New York.

The subject indicated that she intended to depart 5/20/58 from N. Y. by unknown means of transportation for a 4½ months' pleasure trip to France, Italy, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, and Norway.

In view of previous investigation conducted concerning possible fraud against the Government, the above information is being supplied to your office. No further investigation is contemplated by this office. RUC.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-55874)

SUBJECT: STELLA ADLER CLURMAN, aka
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 8/30/60

On August 25, 1960, Mr. ROBERT SARASY, Manager, Dryden Hotel, 150 East 39th Street, New York City, advised that the subject is presently in Europe and would be for the summer.

WFO is requested to check with the Department of State to determine if the subject has applied for a passport.

For information of WFO, the following is a description of the subject:

Name	STELLA ADLER CLURMAN	
Also Known As	Mrs. Harold Clurman, Stella Adler Stella Ardler	
Date of Birth	February 10, 1901 or 1902, New York City (Not verified)	
Race	White	
Sex	Female	
Height	5'7½"	cc's of serials destroyed
Weight	125 lbs.	Date: 9/1/60
Hair	Blond	Initials: JH
Eyes	Green	
Build	Tall, Slender	
Scars and Marks	None	
Relatives		
Father	JACOB P. ADLER, born Russia Deceased	
Mother	SARAH LEWIS, born Russia	
Daughter	ELLEN	
Husband	HAROLD CLURMAN	
Employment	Stella Adler Theater Studio 150 East 39th Street New York, New York	
Residence	1016 Fifth Avenue New York City.	

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SAC, WFO (100-24329)

STELLA ADLER CLURMAN, aka
SM - C
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ReNYlet dated 8-30-60, to WFO requesting WFO to check the passport files, Passport Office, Department of State, re subject.

On 9-13-60, SA JOSEPH A. CONNORS, JR. reviewed subject's passport file, Department of State.

Passport 962240 was issued on 4-17-58, to STELLA CLURMAN, known as STELLA ADLER. Her passport application was dated 3-28-58, at New York City. She gave her date of birth as 2-10-01 at New York City. Her permanent and mailing address were listed as 1016 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Concerning her travel plans, she indicated she would leave New York City on 5-20-(year not shown) for a four and one half months' pleasure trip in France, Italy, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. Her mode of travel was not indicated. She stated that her father was JACOB and her mother was SARAH ADLER, nee LEWIS. Both parents are deceased and both parents were born in Russia and later obtained U.S. citizenship.

She stated she married HAROLD CLURMAN in September, 1945, and he was born in New York City on 9-25-01. This marriage has not been terminated and they are living together. She is described as five feet seven and one half inches, blond hair, green eyes, occupation Director.

She denied past or present membership in the CP on her passport application.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the U.S. pursuant to EO 10450.

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The passport file reflects that Passport 357802 originally issued on 3-4-54 was renewed on 3-16-56. Her passport renewal application dated March, 1956, indicated she planned to travel in England, France, Italy, Greece and Japan for study and a holiday. At that time she stated she would leave New York City on 5-30-56 on the "Queen Mary" for three and one half months.

Six positive copies and one negative copy of subject's photograph are enclosed for the NY Office.

DIRECTOR, FBI(100-221724)

6/13/63

SAC, WFO (100-24329) (RUC)

STELLA ADLER CLURMAN, aka
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The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau and New York Office. No further action will be taken by WFO.

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